

# The Mildmay Gazette

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## Farm Labor

Nothing is so important at this critical period in the history of the British Empire as food production. Every effort should be made to put in the maximum acreage of crop this, and with this end in view, a Labor Distribution Office has been opened at the Township Clerk's Office at Mildmay. All who are willing—merchants, mechanics, retired farmers or professional men—to work a day or two or longer on the farm this spring or summer, are requested to enroll their names at once. Farmers who need help are also asked to send in their requisitions, and the Committee will distribute the labor in the most advantageous manner. Enroll now.

## SEEDS

We sell Rennies vegetable and flower seeds. Guaranteed new stock.

ALSO BULK Crysanthemum flowered Asters.

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LOBBS NASTURTIUMS, tall and dwarf.

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Mildmay

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Satisfactory dealing guaranteed.

## LOCAL G. T. R. TIME TABLE.

Morning train, southbound ..... 7:17  
Mail Train, northbound ..... 11:14  
Afternoon Train, southbound ..... 4:18  
Night train, northbound ..... 9:09

## NEWS of the WEEK

### Items of Interest to Everybody.

Cameras and supplies at the drug store.  
Weiler Bros. have taken the agency for electric light globes.  
Miss Addie and Esther Gutzke spent Sunday with relatives at Listowel.  
Miss Estelle Scheffer is home from Toronto for a few weeks vacation.  
Rev. J. S. Burn will preach his farewell sermon in the Evangelical Church on Sunday evening.  
Miss Marie Buhlman, who is training for a nurse in St. Joseph's hospital at Hamilton is home on a visit to her parents.  
The very newest, in colored, embossed floral designed fixtures for electric lights sold through our catalogue. Weiler Bros.  
Mr. Alex. Sauer, who was very ill last week at St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph, with pneumonia, is recovering rapidly, and expects to be able to come home this week.  
Mrs. Sophia Heberle suffered a slight stroke of paralysis last Thursday night while lying asleep in her bed. We are pleased to state that she has considerably improved. Her daughter, Mrs. Clarkson Bricker of Kitchener is attending her.

Mr. A. W. Guild is spending this week at Guelph.  
Locals drovers paid \$19.25 per cwt. for hogs this week.

Mrs. John Hunstein of Walkerton visited friends here last Thursday.  
Twelve good young pigs, five weeks old, for sale. Apply at this office.

Mr. Frank Ruetz of the 4th concession of Carrick has purchased a Ford car.  
Frank Fischer of the 12th concession is laid up with an attack of gunsey this week.

We learn that Mr. Urban Schmidt's new horse will be entered at the Teeswater races on June 3rd.

It is announced that it is very probable that another "Victory Loan" issue will be made in Canada this fall.

Mr. Andrew Schumacher of Kitchener visited his sister, Mrs. Caroline Schnurr at the Station hotel last week.

Quite a number of Mildmayites witnessed the presentation of "Intolerance" at Walkerton on Monday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Hart, accompanied by her son, Peter of Preston, was here on Tuesday looking after her property.

The weather during the past week was anything but favorable for spring seeding operations, but a good deal of work was done notwithstanding. Several farmers in Carrick have finished seeding.

The Government proposes to put a tax of ten per cent on all automobiles sold after this date, to increase the duty on tobacco, tea, coffee, and chicory in order to raise funds to meet the growing strain upon the finances of the county.

The bowling club was re-organized last Friday evening with the following officers:—Pres.—John Schneider; Vice-Pres.—W. H. Huck; Secy.—Treas.—Geo. Helwig. The club will commence playing about May 24th.

Gen. Mewburn, minister of militia, has announced that all district registrars have been notified to call up unmarried men between 20 and 22 years of age inclusive. The instructions are that men from urban centres should be called first so that the men on the farms might have an opportunity to complete their seeding operations.

**Fowl Wanted.**  
We will pay 25c a lb on Monday and Tuesday, May 6th and 7th for good Fowl and 22c for old cockerals. Knechtel & Knechtel.

**Two Headed Calf.**  
A cow belonging to Mr. Wm. Loth of the 2nd concession of Carrick last week gave birth to a double-headed calf. The calf had one pair of horns, and one pair of eyes, but had two mouths and two tongues. The monstrosity died very soon after birth.

**Will Canvass Township.**  
Arrangements are being made to make a personal canvass of the township of Carrick and village of Mildmay in the near future on behalf of the Y. M. C. A. Assistance is badly needed by this organization, which is doing such splendid work for the soldiers. Be prepared to contribute liberally when the canvassers call on you.

**Train Service Restored.**  
The old four train a day service has been restored on the local branch of the Grand Trunk. The morning southbound train is due here at 7:17; the afternoon southbound train at 4:18; and the night train at 9:09. The public appreciates the improvement in the train service.

**May Retain Seat.**  
The incorporation of the village of Mildmay will not have the effect of depriving Dep. Reeve Jos. Montag of his right to represent Carrick at the County Council during the balance of this year. That, at least, is the opinion of the County Clerk. Mr. Montag's many friends and supporters will be pleased to learn this fact.

**Township Statistics.**  
Assessor S. F. Herringer returned his roll to the township clerk this week. The assessment of the municipality shows an increase of about \$13,000, and now amounts to \$2,802,186. There are 3865 days of statute labor charged to the ratepayers this year. The population of the township also shows a slight increase of 35, the total number of inhabitants being 3615.

**One Ground for Exemption.**  
In response to a query as to whether a young farmer aged 22, alone on 100 acres of land could secure exemption from military service, the reply comes from Ottawa that there is no provision for exemptions excepting in cases where a family has one or two sons overseas. That is the only allowance that will be considered and that must be taken up with the Minister of Militia.

## Mildmay Nominations.

Candidates for the first council of the newly incorporated Village of Mildmay were nominated yesterday. The nominations took place in the Town Hall, with Chas. Schurter, returning officer, presiding.

**FOR REEVE**  
John M. Fischer proposed by Jonas Vollick and Robt. Brown.  
Louis Doering, proposed by R. McNamara and Chas. Jasper.  
Leopold Buhlman, proposed by S. F. Herringer and P. D. Liesemer.

**COUNCILLORS**  
Hy. B. Miller, proposed by Andrew Schnurr and L. S. Diemert.  
Leopold Kramer by John M. Fischer and Geo. H. Fink.  
Urban Schmidt, by R. Brown and And. Schnurr.

Peter D. Liesemer, by J. F. Schuett and Dr. J. A. Wilson.  
Ernest Witter, by J. M. Fischer and G. H. Fink.  
John Schneider, by L. Buhlman and G. Kunkel.  
Moses Bilger, by L. Doering and D. W. Clubine.

The candidates, we understand, decided to hold a public meeting of the ratepayers of the village in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. If a greater number of candidates remain in the field than are required to fill the several offices, an election will be held on Wednesday, May 8th from 9 to 5 o'clock. The voting will take place in the town hall.

**Died at London.**  
Miss Annie Harrison, who has been an inmate of the London hospital for lunatics for the past six months, passed away on Saturday last. Deceased was born on the 6th concession of Carrick, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Harrison. Deceased was about 47 years of age.

**Will Postpone Celebration.**  
In response to a request from Teeswater that Mildmay postpone its June 3rd celebration, so that it would not conflict with the complete success of the big race meet to be held in our neighboring village on that date, the local committee has decided to postpone our celebration to July 1st, and are now arranging a program for that date. There will be a fine lot of attractions during the day, and a minstrel show in the evening.

**Ditch Award Amended.**  
Judge A. M. Greig has handed out his decision in connection with appeals against the Engineer's award re the Boettger ditch. Messrs. Con. H. Weltz and Anthony Weber are relieved of all expense in connection with the ditch. Henry Boettger's share of the work is increased, but otherwise the original award is confirmed. The expense of hearing the appeals is distributed among Henry Boettger, August Gebhardt, W. H. Ries, Jacob Weltz and the Township of Carrick.

**Forbidden to Hoard Flour.**  
In order to prevent hoarding and further to reduce wheat consumption in this country, so that Canada may send more to the allies, where the cereal shortage is increasingly grave, the Canada Food Board on Saturday announced additional restrictions on holdings and use of flour. The order provides that no person, with the exception of manufacturers of flour, bakers, confectioners, wholesale or retail dealers or persons living at a greater distance than two miles from a licensed dealer, shall hold or have in his possession or under his control more flour, made wholly or in part from wheat, than is sufficient for his ordinary requirements for a period not exceeding fifteen days. Anyone living at a distance greater than two miles and less than five miles from a licensed dealer may hold or control flour made wholly or in part from wheat up to an amount sufficient for his ordinary requirements for a period not exceeding thirty days. Anyone living at more than five and less than ten miles from a licensed dealer may have sufficient for his ordinary requirements up to sixty days, while a person living more than ten miles from such dealer may have sufficient for his ordinary requirements for a period up to 120 days. Any person holding or having under his control flour made wholly or in part from wheat, in quantities greater than are provided in the order, must forthwith return such flour to the miller or dealer from whom it was purchased, and such miller or dealer must accept, if it be in good condition, and pay for it at the purchase price or the market price on April 20th, 1918, whichever be the lower. All millers or dealers failing to purchase such flour when its return is offered are required to report the facts and circumstances to the Canada Food Board at once.

**Potatoes Wanted.**  
Have orders for limited quantity of potatoes. Bring them in now before they sprout. Knechtel & Knechtel.

**Former Carrick Man Passes.**  
The death of Mr. John Haines of Ethel took place on Monday after a very brief illness. Mr. Haines had not been in robust health for some time, but his death was entirely unexpected. His decease was due to heart trouble. Mr. Haines was born near Brampton and settled in Carrick about forty years ago. He lived on the Coutts farm on the eighth concession, until about fourteen years ago, when the family moved to a 300 acre farm near Ethel. Mr. Haines recently sold his land and held an auction sale, and was contemplating coming back to Mildmay to retire. He was about 76 years of age. The funeral took place today at Listowel.

**Bees for Sale.**  
Thirty hives of well-bred bees for sale. Splendid producers. Also a complete outfit, including ex tractor and smoker. Will sell all together or any part at a sacrifice. John Diebel, Mildmay.

**Carrick Soldier Dies in England.**  
A telegram from the Department of Militia at Ottawa arrived here yesterday informing Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schill of Carrick of the death of their son, Pte. Lambert Schill. The soldier's name appeared in the casualty lists last week as being ill, and it is now ascertained that he was confined in Bramshot Military Hospital suffering with laryngeal diphtheria. His death took place on Sunday April 28th. Pte. Schill was about 25 years of age, and, we understand, enlisted in the West. The sorrowing parents have the sincere sympathy of all their friends.

## Nearer to the Boys

An Interview with Ralph Connor

By PETER McARTHUR

When I was told that if I went to a certain office at a certain hour, I would have the pleasure of meeting the Rev. Charles W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), I went there with joy. I wanted to meet him for two reasons. I wanted to meet him because he is our most distinguished Canadian novelist, and also because in my boyhood I wriggled on hard, unmy compromising benches, listening to the same stern ministers, in both Gaelic and English, and wondered if he would have a fellow-feeling for one who had gone through the same boyish experiences. As my eagerness had brought me early to the place of appointment, I had a few minutes to wait, and fell to wondering what he would be like. Unconsciously I associated him with those old-time Free Kirk ministers and wondered if he would be like the Rev. John Ross, of Brucefield, or the Rev. Lachlan MacPherson, of East Williams. So my surprise was complete when a brisk man in khaki uniform stepped into the room. He did not look enough like those old ministers to make my heart come into my mouth with terror as I faced him. Neither did he look enough like a military martinet to make me click my heels together and come to "attention." And there was absolutely nothing to suggest the producer of "best sellers." It took less than a minute to discover that "Ralph Connor" is, first of all, a fellow-human being, who is ready to take a glance at anything from any man's point of view.

A reference to the old ministers gave us an instant point of contact, and with much laughter—kindly and reverent—but still laughter—we compared notes and exchanged reminiscences of the good men who made the Scotch settlements where we had both been brought up, the places of stern discipline we remembered so well. The hour that had been promised to me was gone and part of another hour with it, before I remembered that the man who arranged the meeting had not done it out of pure kindness. He wanted me to interview Ralph Connor about the war work of the Y.M.C.A. By the time I remembered my duty we had reached a point where I felt that I could ask him about it from a rather daring point of view. I began with a straight question:

"What do you think of the work of the Y.M.C.A. in the war?"

He hunched his shoulders slightly and slipped down a trifle in his chair. From the expression on his face I was afraid that he was going to offer an unfavorable criticism. But his answer made it clear that that was not what disturbed him:

"It is doing a lot of work that the church should be doing."

Now you can understand why my question caused him a shade of discomfort. The minister in him—a touch of the old Free Kirk spiritual guide that made him feel the responsibilities of his calling—made him regret to confess that a purely lay institution is carrying practical Christianity to a point that is as yet impossible for the churches—beating them to it," as the soldier boys would say.

"Don't misunderstand me," he protested. "The churches and their chaplains are doing a wonderful work, but the Y.M.C.A., being without a propaganda or dogmas, is able to adapt itself instantly to any needs that may arise, either at the battle-front or wherever the boys may be located. It meets them at all hours and in all places with a spirit of good cheer, comfort and helpfulness."

"Then you are of the opinion that the man who supports the war work of his church is not doing all he can to help the boys?"

"Assuredly. The Y.M.C.A. is able to go a little farther. Though the work of the church may be nearer to the ideal of what I want to see done, the Y.M.C.A. gets nearer to the boys."

High Command had something of the attitude you suggest. But whenever there was anything to be done to help the boys the Y.M.C.A. was there to do it and do it well. By its spirit of unassuming helpfulness the Y.M.C.A. has won the hearts of both the officers and men, no matter what their church connections may be or may not be. It gives and it does not ask anything in return. Its sole reward is that it helps freely all who need help. The thing to emphasize about its work is that it gives—it is an organized spirit of giving, and it gives without a string to the giving."



RALPH CONNOR

"But I often hear comments, not always friendly—about the prices that the Y.M.C.A. charges for some of its supplies."

"Such comments have no justification. The prices are as near right as they can be made. If there is any profit on the sales to the boys in the camps or back of the lines, every cent of it goes to provide things free—absolutely free—to those who are in the front line trenches. As a matter of fact, the centers and other organizations under the control of the churches and chaplains have pretty much the same schedule of prices as the Y.M.C.A."

I could not suppress a smile at finding my ancient enemy the trust or "Gentleman's Agreement" appearing in so admirable a form. But I made no comment. Instead, I asked a concluding question:

"Then I may tell the people that in its war work, especially in the matter of creature comforts, the Y.M.C.A. is nearer to the boys than anyone else?"

"Yes. It stands nearer to them than anything else except the military organization under whose discipline they live—and die. You see they are specially organized, trained and outfitted for this kind of work—and they are a mighty spiritual force, too."

When leaving him, I stopped to talk to several other clergymen who appeared in the office—it was a place of clergy men—and he stepped from the room. Shortly afterwards he returned with a copy of his latest book, on the fly-leaf of which he had written in memory of the men we had known in our boyhood:

"There were giants in those days."

It will be cherished as one of the most prized of a little collection of autographed first editions. And with it I shall cherish the memory of having spent a couple of hours with a well-known man who is doing a noble work himself and is not afraid to give the fullest credit to other men who are doing a noble work—such as the officers and field workers of the Y.M.C.A., "who play such a great part in the Church's backing of the great, great game," as Connor said